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Mr. P. PEDDI RAJU:—"May I ask whether there have been any complaints to the Inspector of Local Boards to the effect that the staff granted to the Inspector of Local Boards for election purposes is not satisfactory and that Divisional Officers should be appointed as Election Officers in preference to Deputy Tahsildars?"

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—"I am not aware of any such complaints. I shall make enquiries."

Mr. P. PEDDI RAJU:—"May I ask whether the Government have received any complaints to the effect that the Deputy Tahsildars, coming as they do from the lower ranks of the service, are not discharging their duties satisfactorily as Election Officers?"

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—"As a whole I can say that they have been discharging their duties satisfactorily. If the hon. Member, however, brings to my notice any particular case, I shall investigate."

Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER:—"May I ask in how many districts where elections are in progress the electoral rolls have been completed and the elections are going on?"

Representations against the retrospective operation of G.O. No. 4619, *L. & M., dated* 20*th October* 1934, *regarding the revision of salaries of teachers under local boards.*

* 247 *Q.*—Mr. M. S. SRESHTA: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether representations have been made to him that the G.O. No. 4619, L. & M., dated 20th October 1934, gives retrospective effect to the new scale of salaries for teachers and thereby prejudices old entrants; and

(*b*) what action has been taken on those representations?

A.—(*a*) The Government Order was brought into force on the 1st November 1934. Representations have been received that the new scales prejudice teachers already in service.

(*b*). Government have called on Presidents of District Boards and executive authorities of municipalities to submit statements in respect of those cases in which local bodies consider that there is hardship in giving effect to the above Government Order. Orders have issued on some of the statements so far received.

Mr. M. S. SRESHTA:—"May I ask whether it is not a principle that so far as Government servants are concerned, a new scale should not affect old incumbents?"

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—"Yes, in the case of Government service it is so."

Mr. M. S. SRESHTA:—"May I ask whether there is any reason why this same standard of equity should not be applied to the servants of local bodies also?"

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The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" In the case of local boards, their financial condition was not sound and the scales of pay varied so much that they bore no relation to the responsibility attached to the various posts."

Mr. M. S. SRESHTA:—" If the local bodies suffered from lack of funds, how were they able to appoint new officers like Panchayat Officers and Commissioners? "

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" I understood this question referred to district boards. So I stated that, as a general rule, the Government were not able to apply to those cases the same principles as in the case of Government service."

Provision of saving clause, if any, in G.O. No. 4619, L. & M., dated 20th October 1934, in respect of old scales of pay to teachers already in service.

* 248 *Q.*—Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state what orders have been issued by the Government on the question of granting old scales of pay to already existing teachers, in giving effect to G.O. No. 4619, L. & M., dated 20th October 1934, and if no orders have been passed, why?

A.—The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to question No. 247.

B. POCKER SAHIB Bahadur:—" May I ask whether the Government realize that giving retrospective effect to this Government Order is iniquitous? "

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" The difference between the present pay and the maximum of the new scale is given as personal pay."

Mr. C. BASU DEV:—" Sir, the Hon. the Chief Minister has stated on many occasions on the floor of this House that personal pay would always be granted except in cases of unusually accelerated promotions. The new scales of pay have been in operation for one year. Personal pay has been granted in the case of some district boards, but some district boards have not recommended personal pay. May I ask what the Government propose to do in the circumstances? "

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" As far as the Government are aware, they have not received any information to the effect that any district board has refused to grant personal pay. I believe I am right in saying that in the majority of cases personal pay has already been sanctioned. If the hon. Member brings to my notice any district where personal pay has not been granted, I shall look into the matter."